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New Bedford Wastewater Secondary Treatment Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

August 19, 1987

Howland Green Library

3 Rodney French Blvd.

New Bedford, MA

7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Overview of Superfund Project

Frank Ciavattieri

New Bedford Project Manager

4. Discussion of Plant Siting
5. Odor Issues
6. Question & Answer Period

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NOTES OF CONFERENCE

Project No: 5328-00

Project: EPA/NEPA - New Bedford Water Pollution Control
Facilities

Date: August 20, 1987

Attendees: EPA: Frank Ciavattieri and Walter Newman;
Ebasco: Alan Fowler; E.C. Jordan: Eric Nelson
and Dennis Tuttle; CAC members; CDM; and other
interested persons.

Subject: New Bedford Wastewater Citizens Advisory
Committee (CAC) Meeting

Purpose: Coordination Between Wastewater Treatment
Facilities Planning Project and the Superfund
Project

Prepared by: Dennis Tuttle - E.C. Jordan

An agenda for the meeting, the CAC's fifth, is attached. EPA had been asked to present an overview of the superfund project. Frank Ciavattieri of EPA handed out EPA's Superfund Program Information Sheet (April 1987) and reviewed the program, its status, and relationships to the treatment plant project. Alan Fowler of Ebasco assisted F. Cavattieri in responding to questions. Walter Newman of EPA explained his role in ensuring that the treatment plant project complies with NEPA and that there is coordination with the Superfund Project. E.C. Jordan, which is also performing work on the Superfund Project, has been hired to perform select environmental studies for EPA (NEPA) and to identify the relationships between the two projects. Dennis Tuttle of E.C. Jordan reviewed the major relationships, including specifics on the overlap between treatment plant and PCB disposal sites. EPA requested input from the CAC in identifying other possible relationships between the projects.

Some of the questions and comments relative to this portion of the meeting are as follows:

1. EPA should coordinate the uses of the land in areas that the two projects overlap.
2. If feasible, joint use of sites should be considered.
3. Incineration - If feasible, one incinerator should be considered for the combination of both sludge and PCB contaminated sediments. Technically, this may not be feasible.

4. Some concern was expressed over contaminant releases during the USACE pilot study for dredging and spoils disposal. EPA explained the numerous safe guards to minimize impacts. EPA also informed attendees that a public meeting on the pilot study is tentatively planned during the week of September 21, 1987.
5. The projects should also be coordinated with the Fairhaven bridge replacement that is involved in PCB related controversy.

CDM, lead by Tom Tetreault, then discussed the treatment plant siting study as documented by their 8/7/87 working draft report and requested comments and input from the CAC. The most suitable sites are 1a, 1b, 3,4a, 4b, 28, 14 and 16. The CAC had many questions on specific sites including concerns on flooding at the existing plant area, zoning vs. land use screening criteria and waterfront development areas. The CAC asked CDM why site 8 had been eliminated because it is already owned by the City; it is a dumping ground for fill; it appears to offer some cost savings; and it is a potential PCB shoreline disposal facility. CDM provided their rationale. However, the CAC passed a resolution to request that site 8 be included in the detailed evaluation phase of the siting study.

CDM also described their sludge management siting effort and the complexities it will present. This study is an area of great interest.

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